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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 18

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- US GETS LITTLE ATTENTION IN TODAY'S PRESS.
ONLY KZ CARRIES TASS STORY ON REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

-- PRAVDA DESCRIBES MEETING, UNDER CC CPSU AUSPICES,
BETWEEN KIRILENKO AND PONOMAREV AND LEBANESE CP
DELEGATION LED BY GENERAL SECRETARY SHAWI. LCP REPRESENTATIVES
ATTACHED "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" TO WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN
TROOPS, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS STORY FROM BONN ON
START OF REFORGER EXERCISE WHICH ARE CHARACTERIZED
AS PART OF ANTI-DETENTE EFFORTS BY CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES.
KZ ALSO REPORTS ON PROTESTS IN GREECE AGAINST SIXTH
FLEET MOVEMENTS IN WATERS OFF PELOPONNESUS PENINSULA.

-- IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY COLUMN
ATTACKS GROWTH OF NEO-FASCISM IN WESTERN EUROPE. ITALY
AND PORTUGAL GET MENTIONED, BUT FOCUS IS ON "NEO-
FASCIST PARTY" IN FRG AND NEED TO STAMP OUT FASCISM IN
SPIRIT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT. ADDITIONAL NEGATIVE
TREATMENT OF FRG APPEARS IN KZ WHICH DECRIES GROWTH
OF WEST GERMAN MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

-- PRAVDA FRONTPAGES TASS ITEM FROM GENEVA ON
SPEECH OF SOVIET CCD DELEGATION HEAD LIKHACHEV SUP-
PORTING SOVIET DRAFT MDW TREATY DRAFT.

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-- STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTING OF FRG CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT'S INTERVIEW FOR WEST GERMAN TV IN PRAVDA NOTES
SCHMIDT CALL TO CDU TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S EASTERN
POLICIES.

-- LEBANESE COVERAGE IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA
REFLECTS CONTINUED FIGHTING, ISRAELI BLOCKADE, DANGER
OF PARTITION OF COUNTRY.

-- PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR COLUMN" BY ELONID
KUZNETSOV CRITICIZES RECENT RHODESIAN ATTACK ON
MOZAMBIQUE. KUZNETSOV SAYS THESE ATTACKS ARE DIRECTED
BY "IMPERIALIST HANDS" SINCE SMITH CHECK WITH VORSTER
AND VORSTER'S GENERALS COORDINATE THEIR PLANS WITH
STRATEGY OF NATO.

-- KZ CARRIES TASSLAGOS ITEM ON SENTENCING OF
TWO LOCKHEED EMPLOYEES FOR SMUGGLING "HUGE BATCH OF
WEAPONS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES" INTO NIGERIA. ARTICLE
MAKES EXPLICIT LINK BETWEEN LOCKHEED AND CIA.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN ARTICLE FROM PORT LOUIS
ON THE SAD PLIGHT OF THE DIEGO GARCIA REFUGEES, AND
GOES ON TO MAKE THE USUAL POINTS ABOUT THE ALLEGED
US EFFORT TO BUILD A BASE NEAR THE RICH RESOURCES
OF THE INDIAN OCEAN BASIN AND CLOSE ENOUGH TO SERVE
IMPERIALIST DESIGNS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- PRAVDA SUMMARIZES THE AUG 17 SPEECHES AT THE
COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, INCLUDING THE NORTH
KOREAN PREMIER'S CHARGES THAT THE U.S. AND SOUTH
KOREA WERE ENGAGED IN WAR PREPARATIONS.

-- KZ CARRIES A COMMENTARY (BY MUKHIN) RIDICULING
PRC MEDIA EXHORTATIONS ON EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY, SAYING
THAT POLITICAL SLOGANS AND MAO-THOUGHT DO NOT HELP.

2. U.S. TREATMENT VERY LIGHT WITH ONLY KZ REPORTING
ON KANSAS CITY HAPPENINGS. TASS ITEM IN KZ NOTES THAT
REPUBLICAN PLATFORM IS COMPROMISE BETWEEN FORD AND
REAGAN FORCES. IT SAYS PLATFORM DOES NOT TRY TO
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STEM ARMS RACE BUT INSTEAD CALLS FOR CONTINUATION OF
WEAPONS PROGRAMS, SUCH AS ICBMS, MISSILE SUBMARINES,
AND B-1 BOMBER. REPORT GOES ON TO NOTE THAT PLATFORMS
SUPPORTS DETENTE, THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS AND FURTHER
ARMS CONTROL TALKS.
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